

**CITIZENS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE OF THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS OPEN
SPACE PRESERVATION ASSESSMENT DISTRICT NUMBER ONE**

MINUTES

of the

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I. Call to Order.

The special meeting of the Citizens Oversight Committee Meeting of the Santa Monica Mountains Open Space Preservation District Number One was called to order by the Chair, Melvin J. Remba, at 7:21 p.m. on April 14, 2004 at the Sooky Goldman Nature Center in Franklin Canyon Park, 2600 Franklin Canyon Drive, Beverly Hills, California, 90210.

II. Administration of the oaths of office to new members.

There were no new members.

III. Roll Call.

The roll was called and the following members were present: Melvin J. Remba, Chair; Roberta Cummings, Vice Chair; Karen Brooks; Beth Dymond; Art Pollyea; Joan Luchs and Ruth Weiss. Quorum present.

Members absent: Cassandra Barrere, Pat Welch, and Pam Cooke.

Staff present: Paul Edelman, Chief of Natural Resources and Planning and Melissa Chigaridas, Board Secretary.

Public members included: Melora Hart, Wendy Dytman, Orrin Feldman and Fran Reichenbach.

IV. Approval of Minutes from the meeting of December 10, 2003.

On motion of Ms. Brooks, duly seconded, the minutes were approved as amended. The motion was approved by the Chair, Ms. Cummings, Ms. Brooks, Ms. Dymond, Mr. Pollyea, Ms. Luchs, and Ms. Weiss.

V. Chairperson's report.

The Chair gave a report and discussion followed.

VI. Public testimony on all agenda items and public comment on matters not on the agenda.

Councilmember Tom LaBonge gave a presentation on the importance of acquiring the Mount Lee property, Cahuenga Pass.

VII. Reports from staff:

(a) Financial Advisor on bond sale and proceeds;

Curt DeCrisis gave a report on the bond sale process and investment of remaining funds. Discussion followed.

(b) Brush clearance program;

Tim Miller gave a report on brush clearance procedures, the use of Camp 13 crews, and the progress of the program.

(c) Acquisitions completed to date;

Paul Edelman gave a report.

(d) MRCA Governing Board acquisition approvals and status since August 2003;

Paul Edelman gave a report.

(e) Remaining funding in Acquisition Areas;

Paul Edelman gave a report.

(f) District general benefit contributions;

Paul Edelman gave a report.

(g) Mount Lee- Lake Hollywood viewshed parcels (APNs 5581-005-001, 5577-008-001 and -002, 5581-010-001 and -002).

Paul Edelman gave a report.

- VIII. Consideration of resolution determining that the expenditure of Assessment District funds to acquire a portion of APN 4379-035-013, adjacent to Upper Stone Canyon Reservoir, in Acquisition Area B (Beverly Glen) is consistent with the criteria and requirements established in the Final Engineer's Report.**

On motion of Mr. Pollyea, duly seconded, Resolution No. 04-01 was approved. The motion was approved by the Chair, Ms. Cummings, Ms. Brooks, Ms. Dymond, Mr. Pollyea, Ms. Luchs, and Ms. Weiss.

- IX. Consideration of resolution determining that the expenditure of Assessment District funds to acquire APNs 4371-019-019, 4371-040-014, 4371-041-013, 4371-042-011, and 4383-026-011 in Acquisition Area B (Beverly Glen), APNs 5577-031-001 and 5577-031-006 in Acquisition Area E (Lake Hollywood), APN 5567-022-029 in Acquisition Area D (Laurel Canyon) and APN 2428-027-022 in Acquisition Area C (Cahuenga Pass) is consistent with the criteria and requirements established in the Final Engineer's Report.**

On motion of Ms. Weiss, duly seconded, Resolution No. 04-02 was approved. The motion was approved by the Chair, Ms. Cummings, Ms. Brooks, Ms. Dymond, Mr. Pollyea, Ms. Luchs, and Ms. Weiss.

- X. Consideration of resolution determining that the expenditure of Assessment District funds to acquire APN 4371-043-020 in Acquisition Area B (Stone Canyon- Beverly Glen) and APN 5585-001-018 in Acquisition Area E (Beachwood), is consistent with the criteria and requirements established in the Final Engineer's Report.**

On motion of Ms. Luchs, duly seconded, Resolution No. 04-03 was approved. The motion was approved by the Chair, Ms. Cummings, Ms. Brooks, Ms. Dymond, Mr. Pollyea, Ms. Luchs, and Ms. Weiss.

- XI. Consideration of resolution recommending that the MRCA add APNs 4371-033-012, 4371-041-024, 4379-023-007, 4379-023-008, 4379-023-009, 4379-023-010, 4379-023-011, 4379-023-012, 4379-024-001, 4379-024-002, 4379-024-003, 4379-024-004, and 4379-024-005 in Acquisition Area B (Stone Canyon- Beverly Glen), APNs 2428-003-015, 2429-023-003, 2429-023-004, 2429-023-005 in Acquisition Area C (Runyon Canyon- Outpost), APNs 5556-023-034, 5563-018-001 and 5567-018-051 in Acquisition Area D (Laurel Canyon- Lookout Mountain) and APN 5577-013-006 in Acquisition Area E (Hollywood Reservoir) to the District No. 1 Engineer's Report and determining that the expenditure of Assessment District funds to acquire said properties is thereby consistent with the criteria and requirements established in said amended report.**

On motion of Mr. Pollyea, duly seconded, Resolution No. 04-04 was approved. The motion was approved by the Chair, Ms. Cummings, Ms. Brooks, Ms. Dymond, Mr. Pollyea, Ms. Luchs, and Ms. Weiss.

XII. Members comments on matters not on the agenda.

The Chair spoke about donation opportunities.

Ms. Cummings discussed 13640 W. Shalomere property.

Ms. Luchs inquired about signage at Oakshire property. She requested to see a copy of the parkland signs that will be posted at the next meeting. She also requested that staff draft a letter regarding Oakshire property issues.

Ms. Brooks asked staff to report on the protocol for adding properties to the Engineer's Report.

VI. Public testimony on all agenda items and public comment on matters not on the agenda.

Public testimony re-opened.

Fran Reichenbach provided a letter from the Beachwood HOA requesting that the Engineer's Report be amended to include areas of Beachwood Canyon.

The Chair requested a formal inquiry and a reply to Ms. Reichenbach regarding the properties in question.

Ms. Luchs requested a report on the Beachwood Canyon properties at the next meeting.

XIII. Statements, questions, or directions to staff pursuant to Government Code §54954.2(a).

Several question were propounded by members of the committee. Staff responded to those questions and comments.

XIV. Announcement of next meeting and adjournment.

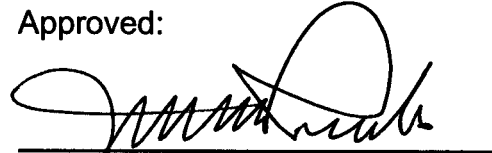
There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by the Chair at 9:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:



Paul Edelman
Chief of Natural Resources and Planning

Approved:



Melvin J. Remba
Chair